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Deb Hernandez, left, and Joanne Amos are cleaning rooms and making beds in preparation for the Lambda Chi Alpha conference held Aug. 7-11. Housekeeping, custodial, grounds and hall staffs are all utilized to allow the University to be a conference facility throughout the summer. This summer nearly 10,000 persons participated in conferences hosted at BGSU.

Summer schedule keeps employees busy

Joint efforts achieve conference season success

When the academic year winds down each May, people often turn their thoughts to lazy days of summer vacation. However, for many University employees, summer means one of the busiest times of the year, the summer conference season.

"We've been very fortunate because Bowling Green has an excellent reputation for facilities and services," said Jim Treeger, associate director of the University Union and conference director.

Nearly 10,000 persons have attended various conferences on campus this summer.

Treeger said the University attracts a brisk conference business for several reasons. The University is easily accessible from I-75 and the Ohio Turnpike, and is in a good geographic

location to draw conferences from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana. Air-conditioned facilities and the services of the Union and Food Operations are also a good draw for conferences, Treeger said. He added that the flatness of the campus is especially attractive to people who may have difficulty with long or hilly walks.

He said there is a short time window in which to operate as a conference facility: conferences can be scheduled only during University vacations or breaks. The busiest conference period is from mid-July until the middle of August. Between July 22 and Aug. 18 nine conferences will have been held at the University.

Treeger said the success of the conference

office is based on the support of the University custodial, housekeeping, grounds and food service crews.

A tremendous effort is required to keep the residence halls ready for conferences, he said.

"Sometimes you have hours, not days, to get ready. Housekeeping and custodial staffs are wonderful in their cooperative efforts," he said.

All of these efforts combine to create an opportunity to earn a significant income for the University and provide full-time and student jobs, according to Treeger. Income is generated from the utilization of facilities that would otherwise be unused, and from extra business in the University bookstore, Union and other

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RAISE institute graduates its first 8 students at commencement

Students with special education needs require teachers who can accommodate them, something that is not always easy in a rural school district where there may not be enough funding to hire more than one special educator.

At Saturday's commencement exercises, the University's Rural America Institute for Special Educators produced its first eight graduates. The educators are specifically trained to meet the needs of rural school districts where broader and more diverse special education skills are needed.

"Low tax bases in rural school systems usually mean less money to hire support personnel," said Dr. Steven Russell, a director of the RAISE program. "In some cases, only one special educator is hired to provide services throughout a system that may be widespread geographically."

The participants were recruited from BGSU and area rural schools. The program matched 1990 graduates with experienced special educators in rural schools to work as teams during their graduate studies. Each of the recent graduates, who had been previously recruited into the RAISE program, did their undergraduate student teaching with the veteran teacher with whom they were paired.

"That way, the new graduates were already familiar with the classroom procedures and students in the school they would be working in throughout the master's program," Russell explained.

Following their student teaching assignments and May 1990 graduation, coursework began during the summer 1990 session. In the fall, the teaching teams took turns attending college classes, rotating every eight weeks. The courses, taught by Russell and the two other faculty directors, Dr. Veronica Gold and Dr. Ellen Williams, were specifically designed to provide the broad knowledge and skills needed to serve a rural-based school.

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Lettermen to entertain at Parents Day

Harmony and romance will fill Anderson Arena when Bowling Green State University welcomes The Lettermen back for their third Parents Day performance on Nov. 9.

The trio, whose hits include "The Way You Look Tonight," "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" and "Goin' Out of My Head" were featured in the 1985 and 1988 shows.

"They are true entertainers and their Bowling Green performances have been very popular. I've never seen a crowd disappointed in a Lettermen show," said Larry Weiss, assistant vice president for University relations and director of alumni affairs.

Over the last 25 years The Lettermen have sold 20 million records and played 7,000 sold-out shows. Now composed of members Tony Butala, Ernie Pontiere and Donovan Scott Tea,

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There's nothing unusual about tomatoes growing in Ohio, but it is a little unusual to find them growing in the parking lot near Harshman Quadrangle. The wild tomato plant has been growing in the lot since late spring and has been nurtured by groundskeeper Sam Leimgruber, who will harvest the tomatoes, said Brian Meyers, grounds supervisor.

Computer services posts new rental fees

University computer services has implemented new fees for the microcomputer rental program. The fees represent a \$20-\$50 decrease. The rates are as follows: Macintosh 512Ke, with 512K RAM and two 800K disk drives, \$140; Macintosh Plus, with 1MB RAM and two 800K disk drives, \$160; Macintosh SE, with 1MB RAM and two 800K disk drives, \$170; Macintosh SE 1/20, with 1MB RAM and a 20MB hard disk, \$180; IBM XT, with 512K RAM and two 5 1/4 inch disk drives, \$140; Apple Imagewriter I printer, \$40; and Apple Imagewriter II printer, \$50.

These systems are available for rental by faculty, staff and students in good standing on a semesterly basis. People already renting systems will be billed the new rates starting this fall.

Besides the above fee there is a \$75 deposit and tax due on the rental. For more information, call 2-2102.

Conferences from the front

outlets conference-goers patronize.

In addition to the participants, the parents and relatives who bring them to the conference are a source of revenue because they add to the local economy while they are in town. Treeger, who is a member of the Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau, said groups are encouraged to contact the Chamber of Commerce for information about Bowling Green businesses.

Through hosting conferences, the University has another opportunity to display its facilities and services to prospective students. An important component of the conference season is to attract youth-oriented groups, Treeger said.

During the summer, the University will have hosted 19 conferences and one conference was scheduled at spring break last March. Most of the conferences are youth or religious oriented; the two largest conferences were Buckeye Boys State and the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church which were attended by 1,500 participants each.

RAISE from the front

When the teachers were not taking classes, they worked in their respective special education classrooms.

"By working as teams, they were able to take turns attending classes at the University without neglecting the needs of their students," Russell said. "They were also able to immediately use what they learned in the college classroom. Theory and practice went hand in hand throughout the year."

The federally funded institute is operated by the special education department in the College of Education and Allied Professions.

Ten more educators have been recruited for the RAISE program for 1991-1992, the final year of the federal grant. Bowling Green has received a \$222,300 award from the U.S. Department of Education to support the program. "We are not sure what will happen when the funding runs out, but we hope that we will continue to offer some of the new courses we have developed for special educators in rural schools," Russell said.

Lettermen from the front

their smooth blend and unique harmony have made them one of the most enduring trios worldwide. They have played concerts in Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, France, Mexico, Canada, Chile and Saudi Arabia in addition to their extensive touring in the U.S.

The opening act will be the DePue Family Musicians. University professor of music Wallace DePue and his four sons, all accomplished violinists, will play a range of music from country to the classics. They are the recipients of the American Music Conference's 1989 Amateur Music Family of the Year Award. DePue has written a special piece to debut at the 1991 Parents Day show.

The Alumni Association, which is sponsoring the event, is now accepting advance reservations for the performance and will mail the tickets in September. Ticket prices are \$15, \$11 or \$7.

Visa and MasterCard orders will be accepted by phone at (419) 372-2701.

Canadian business workshop to be offered

Area businesses will have the opportunity to learn more about the Canadian economy and how the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement works at an export workshop Aug. 22 at the Mileti Alumni Center.

Coordinated through the Canadian studies program and the College of Business Administration, "Doing Business With Canada: An Export Workshop" will allow Ohio firms the chance to explore cultural aspects of doing business in Canada, review case studies of successes by Ohio companies in the Canadian market and hear business experts discuss shipping, customs and legal and financial

matters, in addition to learning about the free trade agreement.

Dr. Mark Kasoff, director of Canadian studies, said the workshop will provide basic, useful information on the requirements of doing business across the northern border. Canadian experts can help workshop participants avoid cultural misconceptions by seeing Canada as a separate country with a distinct culture.

Workshop participants will also meet with Canadian business experts to discuss specific questions about doing business with Canada.

Participants will be eligible to join a Canadian trade mission planned for fall 1991.

International Center offices relocated

The Center for International Programs has permanently relocated to the 11th floor of Offenhauer West where it will occupy a suite of offices on the north side of the building.

Telephone (2-2247) and fax (2-2429) numbers will remain the same and although the center is currently open, final construction and painting of the area will occur in mid-October.

Computer equipment, typewriter for sale

The affirmative action office has several pieces of office equipment for sale. Items include an IBM/PC with keyboard (\$150), an Amdek monitor video-310A (\$100), a C. Itoh printer C-715A dot matrix (\$150) and a Royal electric typewriter SE5000F, on which offers will be taken.

Faculty, staff receive football ticket discount

All BGSU faculty and staff can now purchase season football tickets at a 10 percent discount. Call or stop by the Memorial Hall Ticket Office, 2-2762.

Classified Employment Opportunities

New Vacancies

Posting expiration date: noon, Friday, Aug. 16.

- 8-16-1 **Account Clerk 2**
Pay Range 26
Libraries and Learning Resources
- 8-16-2 **Account Clerk 3**
Pay Range 27
Financial Aid and Student Employment
- 8-16-3 **Clerical Specialist**
Pay Range 25
Undergraduate Admissions
- 8-16-4 **Clerk 1**
Pay Range 2
Undergraduate Admissions
Academic Year Part-Time
- 8-16-5 **Clerk 2**
Pay Range 3
Residential Services
Academic Year Part-Time

Faculty/Staff positions

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Financial aid and student employment: Assistant director. Contact personnel services, Search V-011 (2-2228). Deadline: Sept. 3.

Firelands College: Director of campus activities. Contact the dean (832-223). Deadline: Aug. 16.

Intercollegiate athletics: Assistant coach, men's and women's swimming. Contact chair, search and screening committee (2-2401). Deadline: Aug. 23.

Intercollegiate athletics: Assistant volleyball coach. Contact Denise Van De Walle (2-7067). Deadline: Aug. 23.

University Union: Service manager. Contact personnel services, Search M-032 (2-2228). Deadline: Sept. 3.

The following faculty positions are available:

Chemistry/physics: Assistant professor in materials science (two positions). Contact director, Center for Photochemical Sciences (2-2033). Deadline: Aug. 15 or until suitable candidate is found.

Technology systems: Assistant professor of manufacturing technology (full-time, tenure track). Contact Anthony Palumbo (2-2439). Deadline: Aug. 19 or until filled.